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SUBJECT: IMCO: SELECTION OF SECRETARY GENERAL: ANOTHER
CANDIDATE

REF: LONDON 4203

1. KAZEM ZEITOUNEH, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF PORTS OF THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC HAS BEEN NOMINATED BY HIS GOVERNMENT FOR POSITION OF SECRETARY GENERAL OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL MARITIME CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION. NOMINATION RECEIVED BY IMCO SYG UNDER COVER OF NOTE FROM EMBASSY OF LEBANON, PROTECTIVE POWER FOR SYRIA IN LONDON, AND CIRCULATED TO MEMBER GOVERNMENTS WITH IMCO NOTE A1/ B/1.19 (NV.23) OF APRIL 13 (COPIES POUCHED APRIL 16 EB/ TT/ MA WEBB AND IO/ TRC GRIP). ZEITOUNEH IS FIFTH OF FORMAL CANDIDATES AND FIRST FROM COUNTRY NOT MEMBER OF IMCO COUNCIL.

2. CANDIDATURE OF ZEITOUNEH CAME AS SURPRISE TO MOST IMCO OBSERVERS, WHO CAN SCARCELY CREDIT HIM AS SERIOUS CONTENDER FOR POST AND WHO THEREFORE CONCLUDE THAT HE IS IN RUNNING MERELY TO EXTRACT CONCESSION FOR WITHDRAWAL. NO ONE WITH WHOM WE DISCUSSED CANDIDATURE KNEW ZEITOUNEH PERSONALLY. IN CURRICULUM VITAE HE CLAIMS TO HAVE HEADED SYRIAN DELEGATIONS TO IMCO SINCE 1969 AND HE
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URNS UP IN LISTS OF DELEGATES TO ASSEMBLY IN OCTOBER
1971 AND OCTOBER 1969 AND IMCO BRUSSELS CONFERENCE ON
MARINE POLLUTION DAMAGE, 1969. NONE CAN REMEMBER HIM AS
PARTICULARLY ACTIVE IN ANY OF THESE MEETINGS.

3. FRENCH CONTACTS IN IMCO TELL US THAT ALTHOUGH
ZEITOUNEH IS FRANCOPHONE (CV STATES " HE MASTERS FRENCH
AND KNOWS ENGLISH"), FRENCH GOVERNMENT UNLIKELY SUPPORT
HIM. BELIEVE HIS ONLY VOTE WOULD BE ON FIRST BALLOT
WHEN ALGERIA WOULD MAKE GESTURE OUT OF FRATERNAL SOLIDAR-
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